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COMING EVENTS

Many interesting meetings will be held in Philadelphia at the end of this month.

The various departments of the N.E.A. and the University of Pennsylvania's Schoolmen's Week have several meetings scheduled which are of particular interest to teachers of reading.

A list of the pertinent meetings in our field of interest, is on page 4 of this Bulletin.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Do you need a speaker for a local meeting? Perhaps the Speakers Bureau of the ICIRI can help.

The Bureau has available the names of qualified persons who are willing to speak or lead discussions, within a ten or fifteen mile radius of their locations.

Address all inquiries to Mrs. Helen B. Woodside, Mount Holly, New Jersey, the chairman of the Bureau.

If you are interested in helping to inform teachers and parents about the facts of life as they pertain to reading, write Mrs. Woodside, telling her the area in which you are willing to serve, and your particular interest in reading.

LEADERS VOLUNTEER TO FORM LOCAL ICIRI AFFILIATES

It has been obvious for sometime that the purposes of the ICIRI would never be realized until local councils were formed.

At the meeting of the council held in February 3 in connection with the Annual Reading Institute at Temple University, twelve members volunteered their leadership. Their names, and the communities in which they live and work are listed below.

Today, the Council owes its gratitude to these members. Tomorrow, teachers in their communities will be grateful to them. And the day after that, children will begin to benefit by improved instruction in reading.

It is the purpose of the Council to lend its affiliates its support, and to supply them with materials with which they can work. On another page of this Bulletin are suggestions which can be used in the organization of local councils.

Here are the members who have offered their leadership to help the ICIRI take its next important step:

Mrs. Mary Barlow
Director of Reading
Public Schools,
Rye, N. Y.

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LEADERS VOLUNTEER
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Miss Ethel M. Burris,
Illinois State Normal Univ.,
Normal, Ill.

Dr. Earl C. Denney,
Director of the Reading Clinic
Tulsa Public Schools,
Tulsa, Okla.

Miss Oscela C. Joiner,
417 E. Windsor,
Alexandria, Virginia.

Charles W. Joyce,
Specialist in Reading,
719 Sibley Tower Bldg.,
Rochester 4, N. Y.

Mrs. Florence R. Mason,
Berwyn, Penna.

Mr. J. Linsay McCullough,
Board of Education,
155 College Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Miss Eleanor McGrath,
84 Clark Street,
New Haven, Conn.

Dr. A. J. Pellettieri,
Director, Reading Clinic,
Mississippi Southern College,
Hattiesburg, Miss.

Miss M. A. Robinson,
Brant Street School,
20 Brant Street,
Toronto, Canada.

Mrs. Flos. E. Sutphin,
Ammell Road,
Neshanic, Somerset Co., N. J.

Miss M. Thomas,
Park School,
144 Sydenham St.,
Toronto, Canada.

Our hats are off to you, our new leaders in this important work.

ANNUAL DINNER

With 215 persons in attendance, the second annual dinner meeting of the ICIRI was held on February third.

Dr. Matthew Black, of the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "The Hardest Reading in the World."

Dr. Black discussed the various factors which make reading difficult, and came to the conclusion that the early classics in our own language make the most difficult reading.

The passing of time has distorted the connotations, and, more important, the denotations of many of the key words in the writings of Shakespeare, for instance.

This has made it literally impossible for even the most learned reader to understand that the author meant in many instances.

Nominating Committee

The following members of the Council have been appointed to the nominating committee:

R. G. Stauffer, Chairman
Mary E. Coleman
Rosemary M. Green
Mary F. Waters
Josephine B. Wolfe
Ethel S. Maney

It will be their official duty at the May meeting to nominate officers for the ensuing year.

Under Dr. Stauffer's chairmanship, the Committee will seek out the strongest possible leadership to manage the affairs of the ICIRI.

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IDEAS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

Set up a workshop weekend. Use school or college facilities for meetings

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Plan your workshop or meetings around some one phase of reading instruction. Your program chairman can get many leads from any one of the standard textbooks on reading.

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If you have any specific questions to put to the headquarters office of the ICIRI, address the editor of this Bulletin.

Ask a capable, enthusiastic, and informed person to act as the chairman of your workshop or meeting. Be sure he knows what a workshop is and that he knows as much as you do about the phase of reading which will be discussed.

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Organize an open meeting. Invite teachers and parents, and have a speaker discuss the topic he knows best. The ICIRI Speakers Bureau has a list of qualified speakers who are interested in helping your organization.

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Write to any of our famous members, telling him of your location and purpose. Ask him whether he can arrange his lecture plans to address your council. Accept his hour and arrange a well-attended meeting. Keep him posted about your plans.

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Appoint or elect a secretary, to send reports of your activities to the Editor of the Bulletin. Other councils will benefit.

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Here are some suggested topics for local council meetings or workshops:

1. Word Recognition Techniques from the teachers' and from the learners' viewpoints.

2. Verbalism- what it is and how to combat it.

3. Grouping for instruction in reading.

4. Books all teachers of reading should know.

5. Types of reading disabilities.

6. The Fernald Technique.

7. What do the teacher's manuals have to offer? (Plenty)

8. What is an effective reading lesson?

9. What are the reading skills?

10. Reading readiness for textbooks in content subjects.

11. Eyes, vision and reading.

12. Providing readable books.

IMPORTANT EVENTS

Saturday, March 26. Convention Hall, Registration for the various meetings held under the auspices of the N.E.A. National Society for the Study of Education, National Council for Research in English, and others. Register for breakfast and luncheon tickets here.

Saturday, March 26, 8 P.M. The Rose Room of the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel. Annual Meeting of the N.S.S.E. The new yearbook on elementary reading will be critically discussed. All of the leaders in the field will be there. This is an important meeting.

Monday, March 28, 8 A.M. John Bartram Hotel - Breakfast meeting of the National Council for Research in English. Research in progress and its implications will be reported on. $2 plus tips. Registration necessary.

Monday, March 28, 4 P.M. Room 104 Girls High School, 17th Street at Spring Garden. ICIRI-sponsored meeting of the A.A. S.A. Speaker-Dr. Donald Durrell of Boston University. Topic-"Developing Abilities and Habits in Study-Type Reading".

Tuesday, March 29, 12 M. Kuglers' Restaurant. Luncheon meeting of the National Council for Research in English. Topic: "Systematic Sequences in Reading and Language." Speakers: Dr. Marian Anderson, Editor of the Elementary Division of Ginn & Co., Dr. Mildred Dawson, Supervisor of Elementary Education, Kingston, New York, Dr. J. C. Seegers, Dean of the Teachers College, Temple University, and E.A. Betts, Director of the Reading Clinic, Temple University. $2.60 plus tips. Registration necessary.

Friday, April 1, 4 P.M. University Museum, U. of P. Schoolmen's Week. Speaker: Dr. Emmett A. Betts. Topic: "Procedures for Developing Reading as a Facet of Language."

TREASURER'S REPORT

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A.C.E. BULLETIN

The what, the when, the how, and the why of reading are presented in a thought-stimulating way in This Is Reading, the first 1949 membership service bulletin of the Association for Childhood Education International.

This is Reading may be purchased from the Association for 75 cents. Write to 1200 Fifteenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

TO OUR MEMBERS

Do you have a friend who is interested in the improvement of reading instruction? Why not have him fill out the coupon below and send $1.00 to our treasurer?

Mason Watson, Treasurer
Room 1000, Carnell Hall
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Name _____

Mailing Address _____